[Mr. E. G. Salter.]

(*c*) Statutory commission is prescribed in clause 13 of the Order.

(*d*) By the purchaser.

(*e*) The bus TRV. 2293 was auctioned but the auction has not been approved.

(*f*) There is no statutory control over prices of buses and lorries.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: In answer to part (e), may I know for what price the bus was bid in auction?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I regret I have no information.

State Transport Department.

387 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Ardisher & Co. is an agency which supplies tyres to the State Transport Department;

(*b*) whether there is any other agency for supplying tyres;

(*c*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, how many tyres have been allotted to this company after tyre rationing came into force and what amount has been paid to them; and

(*d*) who are the partners of this company;

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 5,555 Tyres and Rs. 10,92,444-23 Chs.-8 Cash.

(*d*) Messrs. H. A. Tarapore, J. H. Tarapore and C. S. Loganathan.

Transport Department.

388 *MR. D. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Transport department is in the habit of giving any publicity when they recruit conductors and drivers to the department;

(*b*) if so, how; and

(*c*) whether there is any objection in publishing it in the Government Gazette?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) By advertisement in all the important newspapers of the State.

(*c*) No.

Transport buses.

389 *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state regarding the State Transport:

(*a*) the number of buses allotted for each of the following lines during each of the months of the period Makaram to Mithunam 1120:—

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(i) Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara; (ii) Trivandrum-Nedumangad; (iii) Nagercoil-Cape Comorin; (iv) Nagercoil-Azhakiapandipuram;

(*b*) the number of break downs in each of these lines during each of the months of the above period; and

(*c*) the number of days in each of the months of the above period on which all the number of buses allotted to each of these lines did not run?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

(*a*) *Line.*	*Number of buses allocated.*
(i) Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara	2
(ii) Trivandrum-Nedumangad	3
(iii) Nagercoil-Cape Comorin	3
(iv) Nagercoil-Azhakiapandipuram	2

(*b*) & (*c*) The information required by the member is *laid on the table.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: In Appendix VII it is found that a greater number of breakdowns has occured on the Nagercoil-Azhagiapandipuram line. Is it because that the buses put on that road are old?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Why are the old buses put on the road? (Laughter)

MR. E. G. SALTER; Because new ones are not available.

Allowance to the staff of the Transport Department.

390 * **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any allowance was sanctioned to the staff of the Transport Department during the year 1120; and

(*b*) if so, the rates of such allowance to the office staff and running staff?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*)

Pay per mensem.	*Allowance per mensem.*
Up to Rs. 20	Rs. 15
Rs. 21 to 30	Rs. 20
Rs. 31 to 50	Rs. 25
Rs. 51 to 75	Rs. 30
Above Rs. 75	Rs. 40

Drivers get an extra allowance of Rs. 5 per mensem.

* *Vide* Appendix VII page 914.

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Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to Question No. 380.

	Name of Thavalam.	*Number of trenches.*	*Dimension of each trench.*
1.	Ranni	2	20′ x 2′ x 3′
2.	Erumeli	20	20′ x 2′ x 3′
3.	Perurthode	2	do.
4.	Azhuthai	20	do
5.	Karimala	2	do.
6.	Pampa	50	do.
7.	Sabarimala	50	do.
8.	Rajampara	2	do.
9.	Thalapparakkotta	2	do.
10.	Kollamoozhi	2	do.
11.	Elavamkal	2	do.
12.	Meenampara	2	do.

Appendix VII.

Vide Answer to Question No. 389.

(*b*) Details of breakdowns.

Month.	Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara.	Trivandrum-Nedumangad.	Nagercoil Cape Comorin.	Nagercoil-Azhakiapandipuram.
Makaram	1	1	8	8
Kumbhom	2	4	6	9
Meenam	8	2	5	8
Medom	2	3	9	6
Edavam	1	4	7	9
Mithunam	3	2	7	9

Spare buses were utilised for operating service whenever breakdowns of scheduled buses occurred.

(*c*) The total number of days in each month on which the number of buses allocated did not run.

Month.	Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara.	Trivandrum-Nedumangad.	Nagercoil-Cape Comorin.	Nagercoil-Azhakiapandipuram.
Makaram	Nil	11	Nil	Nil
Kumbhom	Nil	14	Nil	Nil
Meenam	Nil	7	Nil	Nil
Medam	Nil	9	Nil	Nil
Edavam	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mithunam	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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